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Route 27 northbound to be closed and detoured Wednesday as Ten Mile Run project advances in Somerset County Closure required to shift southbound traffic

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced Route 27 northbound will be closed and detoured on Wednesday to set up a traffic shift as the Ten Mile Run Culvert Replacement Project advances in Franklin, Somerset County.

Currently, Route 27 southbound traffic is traveling on a temporary bridge and Route 27 northbound is utilizing the southbound lane. After the traffic shift, southbound traffic will be shifted off of the temporary bridge and onto the newly-reconstructed roadway. Route 27 northbound will remain closed and detoured. Access for emergency vehicles, buses, and local traffic in the northbound direction will be maintained using alternating traffic 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Truck and non-local traffic traveling Route 27 northbound will be required to follow the detour for approximately six months.

Beginning at 8 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, February 24 until 8 p.m., NJDOT's contractor, Montana Construction Corp., is scheduled to close and detour Route 27 northbound just south of CR 518/Georgetown-Franklin Turnpike. This closure will allow the contractor to shift southbound traffic left onto the newly-reconstructed roadway. The following signed detour will be in place for approximately six months:

Route 27 northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling northbound on Route 27 will be directed to turn right onto Promenade Boulevard
- Turn left onto Route 1 north
- Turn left onto Finnegans Lane back to Route 27

The \$3.37 million federally-funded Carter's Brook and Ten Mile Run Tributary culvert replacement project is expected to be completed by summer 2021. The two culvert replacements have been constructed in stages. The Carter's Brook culvert replacement was completed in October 2018.

Variable message signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the bridge replacements. Throughout the project, NJDOT will provide information before upcoming road closures.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.